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SOLIS RELIEVED EPA'S FLAWED STUDY OF HEALTH IMPACT OF PESTICIDES ON CHILDREN CANCELLED

Environmental Protection Agency stopped study

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Today, Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis (CA-32), Ranking Member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, expressed relief that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) decided to halt their flawed study of the health impact of pesticides on children.

"I am relieved that EPA realized how flawed and dangerous their CHEERS study was. To expose children to pesticide chemicals is unacceptable. As legislators, we need the most credible information on the impact of pesticides on children to develop effective public policy that will protect the health of our children," said Congresswoman Solis.

Today, EPA announced their decision to cancel their study on the impact of pesticides on children. EPA had designed the Children's Health Environmental Exposure Research study (CHEERS) and funded the project using \$2 million from the American Chemistry Council (ACC). The ACC represents 135 companies, including pesticide manufacturers which have an inherent interest in the outcome of this study. The EPA reportedly planned to pay families of children who are exposed to pesticides in return for their participation.

Last December, Congresswoman Solis and Congressman Sherrod Brown spearheaded a letter to EPA asking it to reconsider the agency's plan to continue the CHEERS study. The letter was signed by 36 additional Members of Congress.

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